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**CONVICTED DRUG FELON SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS
FOR METH AND GUN CRIMES**

*– Possessed a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol and drug paraphernalia
– Previous drug conviction*

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **MARK A. JEFFRIES, a/k/a KENNETH R. NYKIEL, a/k/a DANNY FLYNN**, age 56, of 7301 Hobbs Road, Owensboro, Kentucky, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, for possession of a controlled substance and being a felon in possession of a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, sentenced **Jeffries** to 7 years, plus 4 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Jeffries had pled guilty to possessing with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, attempting to manufacture methamphetamine, possessing pseudoephedrine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine, and possessing equipment, chemicals and materials which may be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

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Further, **Jeffries**, a convicted felon (having been convicted on March 20, 1997, in Vanderburgh County, Indiana Superior Court, of possession of a Schedule II controlled substance, a Class D Felony), had pled guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug-trafficking offense.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin, and was investigated by the Daviess County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

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